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Dear Examiner Azpuru:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 20, 2006, Applicants elect Group I and the species "non-acrylic polymers". Claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, and 15-16 are identified as readable on the elected invention.

The undersigned authorizes any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1850. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

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